Setting up of food zones

559. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plan has been formulated for setting up of 20 Integrated Food Zones (IFZs) to give a thrust to the farm sector reforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the specific areas/locations identified, State-wise, to establish the Integrated Food Zones and infrastructural facilities proposed to be created, the pattern of funding decided for the various projects and the time-frame fixed therefor; and

(c) the criteria evolved for selection of the specific regions/locations for the food zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) A new scheme — Integrated Food Zones/Mega Food Park aimed at providing integrated solutions with comprehensive and quality Infrastructural facilities alongwith appropriate linkages is being developed in consultation with Planning Commission.

Food processing installed capacity in the country

560. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the food processing installed capacity in the country;

(b) the percentage of the fruits processed in the country;

(c) the wastage of fruits produced in the country annually and the reasons for the same;

(d) whether Government have any plan to encourage processing of such fruits all over the country to stop the wastage; and

(e) the details of the plan for the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The Government does not set up Food Processing Industries on its own.